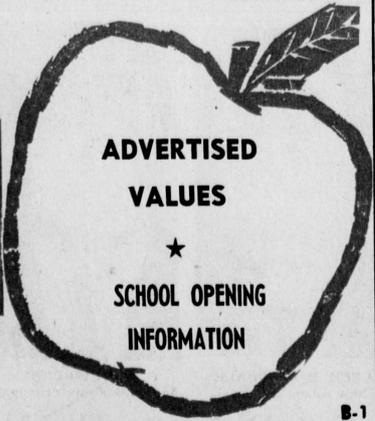


## BACK-to-SCHOOL



Smart parents are planning to shop local merchants for all their youngsters' back-to-school needs . . . You know you'll find everything from supplies to clothing to sports equipment.

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# 34,000 Expected in Schools Here

## Montgomery Term To Begin Sept. 6

Freshman at Bishop Montgomery High School will report for classes Tuesday, Sept. 6, one week earlier than public school students in Torrance.

Sophomores at the school return Wednesday, Sept. 7, while the junior and senior classes resume studies Thursday, Sept. 8.

Orientation activities for new students will be scheduled for the first day of classes.

More than 1,250 students are expected this fall as the school begins its tenth year. The campus is located at 5430 W. Torrance Blvd.

The faculty of some 60 priests, nuns, and lay teachers is headed by Sister William, CSJ, girls' principal, and Father Laurence Lis, OFM Conv., boys' principal. The two principals are beginning their second year as chief administrators at the school.

Bishop Montgomery High School is a co-educational school operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

### BREAKING THE SEAMS

## Enrollment May Top 34,000 in City's Schools

An enrollment of 34,094 students—which will burst the seams of Torrance schools to the extent of double sessions at five elementary schools—is predicted for this fall, according to Paul Mackey, special services staff assistant.

Included in the predicted enrollment are 24,064 elementary school students and 9,490 high school students, representing an increase of 326 elementary and 434 high school students over a year ago.

WITH 2,200 dwelling units now vacant in Torrance, the picture could change, Mackey points out. Enrollment estimates are based on most recent figures available from the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission and from local utility companies.

If predicted enrollment figures prove accurate, double sessions for third graders will be scheduled at Carr, Jefferson, Hickory, Meadow Park, and Wood Elementary Schools. At Hickory, Wood, and Meadow Park, second graders also will be on double session. This will be the first time in five years that Torrance youngsters have attended split session classes.

"Inasmuch as 1,000 more students are entering kindergarten than graduating from high school, it doesn't look as though enrollment growth will slow down for awhile," Mackey said.

WEST HIGH, the district's smallest high school, will make big strides toward catching up with the other three attendance-wire this fall, when it gains 242 students, bringing enrollment to 1,844.

South high continues to be the biggest high school with 2,893 students expected this fall, a gain of 38 over a year ago. North High is the only school which expects to remain static, with a predicted enrollment of 2,672, a gain of one student over last fall.



PREVIEW . . . Vicki Orloff and Mickey DuMont get a preview of what it'll be like at West High this fall during a meeting with Paul F. Hawkins, assistant principal, pupil personnel. Hawkins met the two youngsters, who attended Anza School last year, and gave them a cook's tour of the school early this week. Vicki and Mickey, both 14, say they're looking forward to attending West High. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Teachers to Report Early

School may start Wednesday, Sept. 14, as far as 34,000 Torrance youngsters are concerned.

But for the 1,400 persons who will be supervising their education for the next nine months, the first day of school is anywhere from a couple of days to a week earlier — depending on how long they've taught in Torrance.

For the 190 teachers who will be starting their local careers this fall, the 1966-67 school year will begin Wednesday, Sept. 7, when they will report to school to meet their principals. During orientation sessions, principals will explain school procedures and policies to the new teachers and will arrange for them to tour the district's Educational Materials Building.

A GENERAL meeting for all new personnel will be conducted at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at the South High School. Dr. Lloyd G. Jones, H. Hull, superintendent of curriculum consultant, will discuss district educational philosophy. Following the talk, newcomers will be guests at a luncheon in the school cafeteria sponsored by the Torrance Educational Association.

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## Board Curtails School Bus Services in City

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## Classes Begin Sept. 14 for Area Students

Double sessions will loom in the back-to-school picture for the first time in five years when Torrance youngsters return to school Wednesday, Sept. 14.

With more than 34,000 students expected to overflow Torrance classrooms, split sessions are scheduled for third graders at Hickory, Wood, Meadow Park, Carr, and Jefferson schools if enrollment predictions materialize. Second graders at Hickory, Wood, and Meadow Park will also attend double sessions.

Coupled with an increased enrollment of 700 pupils over a year is the fact that the district has run out of construction funds. Voters turned down school bonds at two elections in the past year. A \$9 million bond election to alleviate the classroom shortage is scheduled for Nov. 8.

INCLUDED IN the all-time high of 34,094 students expected are an anticipated 20,604 elementary school youngsters and 9,490 high school students. Classrooms will be manned by a teaching and administrative staff of 1,421.

Registration of new students gets under way at the district's 34 elementary schools Sept. 1, and at the four high schools Aug. 29. Returning students registered last spring.

Offices of all schools will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 5, and Admission Day, Sept. 9.

PARENTS of new students are asked to bring polio immunization verification, proof of date of birth, and a previous report card.

Opening of two new schools, the Sam Levy Elementary School and the Grace Wright Elementary School, is expected in the spring. Double sessions at Hickory and Meadow Park Schools are expected to be relieved with the opening of the Sam Levy School, 3420 W. 229th Place. Students who will attend the Grace Wright Elementary School, which anticipates a student body of more than 1,300 this fall.

South High and North High will each have an additional classroom building when school opens next month. A new stadium area at North is scheduled for completion by mid-September and a new gym area by the beginning of November.

NEWEST ADDITION to the elementary school curriculum will be vocal music and music appreciation. A revised course of study in English for seventh and eighth grades and a new emphasis on economics in seventh through 12th grade will be introduced this year.

The teaching of science under a course outline which district teachers spent three years preparing will proceed from kindergarten through 12th grade by developing major science concepts in step by step sequence.

Additions to the high school curriculum include: arts and humanities, auto shop III, auto shop IV, economic analysis, electronics IV, French V, German V, graphic arts production, industrial drafting, power mechanics, secretarial training, and welding A and welding B. Ornamental metal and probability and statistics will be offered under the summer school program.

SPECIAL instruction classes for educationally handicapped children will be located at Crenshaw, Hillside, Parkway, Sepulveda, Steele, and Yukon Elementary schools and all four high schools. Basic skills classes for educationally retarded youngsters will be conducted at Arnold, Fern Greenwood, Magruder, and Perry Elementary schools and all four high schools.

Six schools will have new principals this fall, and one will have a new acting principal. New principals include: Larry Miller, Walteria School; Victor Kilburn, Lincoln School; Ernest Thom, Jr., Towers School; Dr. Ralph Wilson, Hickory School; Andrew Kovach, Howard Wood School; and Cecil Paschall, Adams School. C. W. Newberry will be acting principal at Madrona Elementary School while Dr. Forrest, principal, is on sabbatical leave.

NEW VICE principal assignments include: Joseph Rotcher, West High School; Cyril Levine, Torrance Elementary School; Mrs. Catherine Stock, Victor School; Miss (Continued on Page B-3)

## Trustees To Begin New Year

School board president William Hanson will conduct the first meeting of the Torrance Board of Education for the new school year Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the board room at the district headquarters, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

With the exception of four meetings a year, all meetings are held in the board room. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Monday of each month. When the regular meeting date falls on a holiday, the board meets the following evening.

ALL MEETINGS are open to the public. Agendas are placed at the city's library branches the Friday preceding each meeting.

Four meetings are scheduled to take place outside the board room during the coming year. The board will meet at South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy., Oct. 3; North High School, 3620 West 182nd St., Nov. 21; West High School, 20401 Victor St., Jan. 16, 1967, and Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St., Feb. 20.

In addition to Hanson, Board of Education members include: Bert Lynn, vice president, and Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Dr. Kurt Shery, and Dr. Donald Wilson.